

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

Worship In Person or Live Online

10:30 am Sunday, October 30, 2022

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

John 7:37-44

“Understanding, Comprehension”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Visit Hildebrand Hall after the service to talk with volunteers from The Poor People’s Campaign about issues in the November 8 election. Bring your ballot and join a rally and march to the nearest ballot box (2nd Ave & King St).

You can still express love and support for the youth of our Plymouth family as they journey into adulthood. Send cards, notes, and small items (snacks, tea or coffee, gift cards, etc.) for care packages to June Hayakawa-Fung at Plymouth UCC, 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle WA 98101.



Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at **PlymouthChurchSeattle.org**.

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team by calling the pastoral care line, **206.639.7739**, checked daily.

NOTABLE IN NOVEMBER

- Native American Heritage Month
- National Caregivers Appreciation Month
- Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- 11/1 All Saints Day
- 11/6 All Saints/All Souls Sunday (*Dia de Muertos Concert*)
- 11/6 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11/8 General Election Day
- 11/9 World Freedom Day
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/13 Caregiver Appreciation Day
- 11/13 Stewardship Sunday (*Kenneth Gayle Concert*)
- 11/13 World Kindness Day
- 11/13-11/19 Transgender Awareness Week
- 11/20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 11/20 Universal Children’s Day
- 11/21 Thanksgiving Sunday
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Day (US)
- 11/25 American Indian Heritage Day
- 11/27 First Sunday of Advent



1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle,
Washington 98101-3199




Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth),
Toni and Tiffany Arthur, Sue Ellen Daniel
(Friend of Barb Laski), John Daniels, Mark
and JT Edwards, Carmen Ramsey Ellington
(Friend of Karen Clark), Susan Emerson
(Mother of Kate Forrester), Jim Halfaker,
Darline Jones (Aunt of Karen Clark), Michael Kaid, Concetta
Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Connie Logothetis (Friend
of Bill and Marilyn Bumpas), Dawn Mason, Barbara Miller
(Friend of Barb Laski), Drake Mitchell (Brother of Mari),
Montecino Family, Nancy Parker, Jerome Robinson (Friend
of Kathy Rood), Jose Robles and Family, Charon Washington
(Sister of Michael Gordon)

We grieve with Michael Gordon on the one-year anniversary
of the death of his cousin’s wife, Barbara Daniels.

bold=newly added. Names will remain on list for six weeks unless requested.

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week. **Deadline
is Monday, 10 am, for Wednesday publication.** Stay
current with Plymouth happenings on our website. Join us
on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!   



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SOULS TO THE POLLS!



We are approaching a critical time in the life of Washington State and our country. On Tuesday, November 8, many of us will be casting our vote for the things that are important to us as moral and faithful people who are aware and believe in the power of the ballot.

I am personally inviting you to the “Souls to the Polls” tabling event on October 30 at Plymouth Church to discuss the important issues and demands each of our votes embody. Come to Hildebrand Hall after worship to talk with volunteers from The Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival, who will share materials to inspire the just action you will endorse by voting. You are then invited to join a rally and march to the nearest ballot box (2nd Ave & King Street). Bring your ballot with you, if you haven’t mailed it already.

This event isn’t about asking anyone to vote for a particular candidate or party. I understand that as a faith organization, we cannot be partisan. However, we are called to be political, to use our voices and resources to help create a nation of justice and liberation. Furthermore, this event is a way to collaborate with one another in community to ensure we have the biggest participation in our voting history on the issues that matter.

With Washington State’s voting we have the convenience of mail-in ballots, but little opportunity to discuss these vital issues together. This is an opportunity to build momentum in this moral movement to restore voting rights for all and bend the arc toward justice.

Visit the Washington Poor People’s Campaign website, WashingtonPPC.org, for resources and materials. You may also contact us at Washington@PoorPeoplesCampaign.org to receive campaign materials to share and for more information.

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Washington State Tri-Chair of

The Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival ✨

FIVE EVILS: OUR DEMANDS AND PRIORITIES

Over the past several years, The Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival has reached out to communities in more than 40 states across this nation. We have met with tens of thousands of people, witnessing the strength of their moral courage in trying times. We have gathered testimonies from hundreds of poor people and we have chronicled their demands for a better society. The following moral agenda expressed in these priorities is drawn from this deep engagement and commitment to these struggles of the poor and dispossessed.

**FORWARD
TOGETHER!
NOT ONE
STEP BACK**

The Five Evils: Our Demands and Priorities:

(Read detailed analysis at WashingtonPPC.org)

- **Systemic Racism** There were fewer voting rights in 2018 than there were 50 years ago when the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act were passed.
- **Poverty** The U.S. economy has grown, wealth inequality has expanded, the costs of living have increased, and social programs have been cut dramatically.
- **Ecological Devastation** 3.8 million U.S. households cannot afford clean water.
- **The War Economy** Currently 53 cents of every federal discretionary dollar goes to military spending and only 15 cents is spent on anti-poverty programs.
- **Our Distorted National Morality** Many people die every year from anti-poor policies, while religious and Christian agendas deliberately divert attention from key issues and challenges.

Consider joining the Washington State Poor People’s Campaign. Together, we are shifting the narrative, building power, and impacting elections and policies. Visit WashingtonPPC.org to learn more about these priorities and strategies to address them.

“Forward Together, NOT ONE STEP BACK!” ✨

WALKING WITH REFUGEES



Walk with our migrant siblings.

A Salvadoran woman and her three-year-old son here in Seattle were recently granted asylum by an immigration judge. This decision — and her courageous testimony which led to it — brought joy to the hearts of all of us who accompanied them for more than a year. The pathway to permanent residency and citizenship that springs from

this decision strengthens immensely their opportunity to thrive in the United States. An accompaniment volunteer recently saw them off from SeaTac Airport on the next step of their journey: to live with relatives in the rural Midwest.

The Church Council of Greater Seattle’s accompaniment to hearings and appointments and co-leadership for long-term accompaniment — through housing support, resource-sharing, health connections, moral support and counsel, legal referrals, and community solidarity — involve many faith communities, community members and loving individuals who come alongside an individual, household, or family. It takes a village to accompany in a way that upholds and affirms the rights and dignity of all immigrants!

You are that village. Faith communities taking action are co-constructors with impacted families of the village of hope for a transformed reality where justice may prevail. This village of presence, relationship, and promotion of policy change is coupled with financial assistance as needed to build on the resiliency our migrating siblings manifest day by day.

Visit TheChurchCouncil.org and learn what you can do to support this vital work. ✦

SIGN THE BOOK OF LIFE



For all the saints, who from their labors rest..

Remember and honor friends and family who have passed by writing their names in the *Book of Life*. The book becomes part of worship on All Saints Sunday, November 6.

Names of persons who have passed away in the last 12 months will be spoken

in prayer during service that Sunday. Fill out a simple form in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org to add names (please place an asterisk by names of those who have passed in the previous 12 months) or sign the book at Plymouth in the Lounge. **Please send/sign by Wednesday, November 2.** ✦

INVITATION TO VOYAGE

Join Seattle native and operatic tenor, Kenneth Gayle, for an artful musical voyage of songs, arias, Spirituals, quotes, and poetry inspired by themes of waves, water, and journeys. 2 pm Sunday, November 13 at Plymouth. Suggested Donation \$20

This program prominently features 20th and 21st century Art Songs by living American and African-American composers, and settings of poetry by Langston Hughes and Lucille Clifton. Tenor Kenneth Gayle and collaborative pianist, Joseph Williams, weave a salon-style musical journey through centuries, languages and cultures, exploring timeless artistic inspirations from the past, and new 21st century perspectives.

All funds collected will go to the Washington State Chapter of the *Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*. The Campaign is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation’s distorted morality. Visit WashingtonPPC.org to learn more and get involved. ✦

DIA DE MUERTOS CONCERT AT PLYMOUTH NOVEMBER 6

ORQUESTA NORTHWEST Presents: **Dia de Muertos CONCERT**, NOVEMBER 6 AT 3:00 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 1217 6th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101. Presenting Performances by the Ballard Civic Orchestra and the Singing in the Rain Family Choir. Featuring soloists Celeste Camarena and Sari Breznau. Free admission.



Hear Kenneth Gayle at Plymouth Nov. 13

COME JOIN THE SONG

Sari Breznau and Dr. Wanda Griffiths are working hard to bring in-person choral music back to Plymouth! We have two singing options on offer: 9-10 am Sunday mornings in Hildebrand Hall, led by Sari and currently dubbed the “Sunday Singers.” This group focuses primarily on folk and popular styles of music and largely sings from memory. Another option is the group that meets Thursday evenings, 7:30-8:30 pm and/or Sunday mornings following worship, 12:30-1:15 pm, led by Wanda and currently dubbed “Thursday Singers.” Thursday Singers focus on classical choral tradition, so it is helpful to have some music-reading experience but not required. We’ll teach you what you need to know!

Two other musical-making options are Plymouth’s Ukulele Club and the Plymouth Ringers (handbells).

For the full schedule and more information regarding the Sunday Singers or Ukulele club, contact Sari at SariBreznu@gmail.com. For the full rehearsal schedule and more information regarding Thursday Singers or the Plymouth Ringers, contact Wanda at WGriffiths@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. ✦



Fill the Sanctuary with song during worship.

2023 CALENDARS FOR INMATES

Visitations have started up again for Monroe Correction Complex inmates and we are excited to reconnect with our friends there. The inmates really appreciate a calendar for the coming year and last year we collected over 1000! As you receive free calendars in the mail, please donate them if you can’t use. Ask your neighbors to see if they might wish to donate theirs.

There will be a box in the Plymouth Lounge to leave calendars on Sundays. We will collect into December. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones’ cubby hole in the mailroom (#1S). If you are unable to make it to Plymouth, we will do our best to collect them. Call or email Christine Hanson 509-679-7430, to arrange a pick up. Thank you in advance for this simple act which brings so much joy to our incarcerated friends. —Christine Hanson and Mike Pierson ✦



A small act of giving that brings great joy.

GIVING FOR LIVING

Creation care and environmental justice will once again be the focus of Giving Tuesday, November 29 — a commitment that builds on the United Church of Christ’s historic prophetic leadership and continues to address a priority that will be underscored for several years to come. UCC’s Environmental Justice Ministries is deeply engaged in answering our first calling as people of faith: caring for God’s creation. Our movements include addressing the climate crisis, environmental racism, and a host of issues affecting our planet. Your generous donation to Giving Tuesday will move us further to success.

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STAND WITH FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES IN OUR FIGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AGAINST THE RAVAGES OF TOXIC CHEMICALS AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

Art by Ricardo Levins Morales

“This Giving Tuesday designation in consecutive years signals that the UCC national setting is deepening its commitment to environmental justice, to fund the work into the future,” said the Rev. Kent Siladi, director of philanthropy.

In 2021, the church raised \$80,000 on Giving Tuesday to support climate care and creation justice. The majority of the gifts, \$56,000, were sent to Honor the Earth, an indigenous organization working to save our planet. The remaining 30 percent of the funds were earmarked for five grants awarded by the UCC Council for Climate Justice to support advocacy and education efforts this year.

Last summer, the UCC launched a successful environmental justice fellowship program for youth and young adult leaders. The participants engaged in projects and received mentoring and served their communities in new and creative ways. These youth leaders are now better equipped to advance environmental justice work!

With your gift, in summer 2023 we will expand this project’s success and invite 12 youth and young adults from various communities to participate in Climate Hope Summer, a program that will create a coordinated network for environmental justice advocacy and action all over the country. Through the voices of the next generation, we can more effectively advocate for climate legislation that will meet the scale of the present crisis.

Learn more about Giving Tuesday and Environmental Justice at UCC.org. ✦